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## Aruba's Diamond Jubilee Carnival is off to a rousing start!



ORANJESTAD -- The energy and excitement of the first parade of this landmark Carnival 60 was palpable. Live bands and disco trucks filled the streets of Oranjestad with a mix of original carnival music created specifically for this special

anniversary event, as well as the contemporary sound of trance music. The hot, modern beats of "Diamonds in the Sky" followed the brass band and majorettes leading the parade, with Royal Carnival Group and last year's Grand Carnival Queen, Samantha

Robert, welcoming spectators. Thousands were dancing in the streets, both in the parade and on the sidelines this past Saturday, January 11.

Following Royal Carnival Group, in order, were Majestic, T.O.B., Champagne, the new group, Meta Social Club, XC-Lanz, Dushi, Los Laga Bai, Pleasers and Teasers, with OPC bringing up the rear. Organizers estimated nearly 10,000 carnival enthusiasts participated in the Fakkel Optocht, or Torch Parade.

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## Iran nuclear deal to take effect January 20

TEHRAN (AFP) - Iran and the United States said Sunday that a landmark deal Tehran struck with world powers on its disputed nuclear programme will take effect from a January 20 target date.

Under the deal reached in November, Tehran agreed to curb parts of its nuclear drive for six months in exchange for receiving modest relief from international sanctions and a promise by the so-called P5+1 powers not to impose new measures against its hard-hit economy.

"Both sides reached the same interpretation on how to implement the agreement and the first step will be executed from January 20," Iran's chief nuclear negotiator Abbas Araqchi said, quoted by

IRNA news agency.

The White House was quick to confirm the news but President Barack Obama warned there was still a rough road ahead before a comprehensive solution can be nailed.

"Beginning January 20th, Iran will for the first time start eliminating its stockpile of higher levels of enriched uranium and dismantling some of the infrastructure that makes such enrichment possible," it said.

Obama said in the same statement: "With today's agreement, we have made concrete progress. I welcome this important step forward, and we will now focus on the critical work of pursuing a comprehensive resolution that addresses our concerns over Iran's nuclear programme."

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## Aruba's Diamond Jubilee Carnival...

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The Fakkel Optocht is the first of many parades, pageants and musical contests that will fill the Aruba calendar over the next two months. The unofficial costume of the Torch Parade are tee shirts, usually declaring the theme and sponsors of the various groups. However, it offers participants who take their outfits seriously, to demonstrate some breathtaking creativity in cutting, beading, and enhancing these pedestrian shirts into sensational and highly individualized works of art. Accessories are also enlivened with flashing lights for the night time event. Aruba's Diamond Jubilee Carnival is expected to be one of the most spectacular the island has ever hosted, and Saturday's parade was a rousing herald of great things to come!

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By Rosalie Klein





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## GENERATION Z; The unstoppable rise of a digital generation



René Boender

This is the final installment in a four-part series from the international marketing maven René Boender. He is cited by experts in the field as being "this generation's advocate of creative thinking in marketing and advertising, and a well-versed advisor to the world's top companies of how to make the most of the tools that are now available." He kindly shared his thoughts on marketing to and employing the next generation, who are thoroughly versed and dependent on the Internet for many of their work and purchasing decisions.

The last article ended with a listing of the first six of twelve statements pertaining to employing Generation Z; THE MORNING NEWS now presents the final six statements and Boender's conclusions.

**Statement 7: The 'battle for talent' will be at an all-time high in 2020.**

The ageing of the population will peak during the next decade, during which the last of the Babyboomers and the

first group of Generation X-ers will retire.

First, here are a few statistics: between 2010 and 2013, 20% of the Dutch will leave the labour market, causing the workforce to decrease from 7.75 million to 6.9 million. In addition, the growing number of workers who are either self-employed or seconded (as part of the flexibility trend) could cause the number of employees available for contract employment to plummet to 5.5 million, in which case "scarcity" would be an understatement.

Expectations are that this will lead to various succession problems. Not only because there is a lack of successors in absolute terms, but when it comes to ambition and interest, too, there will likewise be a void.

See, we are dependent on a new wave of employees to fill the various jobs: Generation Z. According to predictions, compared to their predecessors this group is less loyal to a specific company (assuming they are interested in a permanent position in the first place) and more loyal to their personal ambitions.

Consequently, companies and institutions will be forced to do everything in their power to retain their highly educated executive staff members (in the face of widespread aggressive head-hunting efforts) and at the same time they must find replacements and new hires.

Only the companies who can successfully play this game will be able to count on the continuity of their opera-

tions.

**Statement 8: In 2020, having multiple employers will be a status symbol.**

The members of Generation Z pursue variety, flexibility and self-fulfilment. A single permanent position does not necessarily fit in with this picture. Expectations are that as a result of the scarcity on the job market in combination with the increase in people who are self-employed, having multiple employers at the same time will be a status symbol. It is a way to show that you do not have a boring job, and that you are pursuing self-fulfilment.

Consequently, it will be even more difficult to land skilled employees on a job market that is already plagued with scarcity. Talented members of Generation Z will be increasingly illusive.

**Statement 9: Generation Z is not afraid of the boss.**

For members of Generation Z, autonomy is something that goes without saying. Generation Z are networkers who have learned to quickly gather and filter information. They know their rights and are not afraid to demand them. Moreover, the presence of traditional hierarchical systems does not intimidate them. They are not afraid to go directly to the highest authority to express their wishes, ambitions and problems. And seek answers, too.

Another point to consider is that this generation is also accustomed to being constantly evaluated. From primary school onwards pupils are forever being tested, as-

sessed and evaluated. This has created a dependency on external feedback. In other words, they need the person in charge to tell them how they are doing. And if this feedback is not provided voluntarily, they will seek it out.

Furthermore, employees make more and more demands in times of extreme scarcity. The job market becomes a job seeker's market, and Generation Z knows it. Not only that, but this generation also has acquired the confidence to make the most of this advantage.

Generation Z wants to hear in a one-on-one conversation what is expected from them, why it is expected, and how they are doing. A preference is shown for linear organizations with a transparent communication and reward system.

**Statement 10: Generation Z first chooses a place to live before choosing a job.**

For Generation Z, the balance between work and free time is so important that actual career opportunities are secondary to "where I live." When we say "where I live" we mean the big city for the most part. After all, the big cities are where Generation Z can find the things that they believe are essential in order to have a balanced life. People will be less likely to relocate for a job when the labour market is tight. Long commutes will likewise be regarded as old-fashioned and inefficient.

In addition, this "24/7 generation" is less convinced of the need to be in an office

every day. After all, mobile broadband enables you to work whenever you need to, wherever you happen to be. In the office of the future, flexibility in location and working hours will be completely natural.

Generation Z feels very little distinction and free time. They keep in touch with their entire social network on "company time" and after work they meet over drinks to talk about work. Ever since they were little they have been accustomed to planning their own schedule and working on projects when it best suits them. Working nine to five is a relic of the industrial revolution. Thanks to the digital revolution, everyone always has access to means of production, wherever they are. Generation Z accordingly wants to take advantage of this.

And when you can work everywhere you like, you can live anywhere you like, which is why choosing a place to live takes priority.

For the group of highly talented individuals in this generation, the same applies on an international scale: they have so many choices of fantastic locations at home and abroad that it no longer matters what they ultimately choose: London? Paris? New York? Shanghai? Wherever they want to live, they will have plenty of opportunities for the taking. In the "battle for talent," it will become increasingly difficult to prevent a brain drain from occurring in the Netherlands.

Quality of life will be an important employment benefit.

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## Minister Oduber receives Moon Aruba Handbook from author Rosalie Klein



Minister of Tourism Oduber and Author TMN reporter Rosalie Klein

ORANJESTAD -- Aruba's Minister of Tourism, Transport, Primary Sector and Culture, Otmar Oduber, was pleased to receive a personal copy of the newly-published Moon Aruba Handbook, from Avon Travel Books line, authored by THE MORNING NEWS reporter and photographer Rosalie Klein.

The 356-page book, which offers insights on dining and accommodations "away from the tourist track," provides some enlightening insights

on the island, its history and people. The policies of Moon Handbooks are to be the "cure for the common trip," with an emphasis on activities and amenities "for the adventurous and budget-minded."

"I was very pleased and excited to be offered the contract to write this unusual guide of Aruba," stated Ms. Klein. "It allowed me to take advantage of the knowledge acquired over my 34 years living on the island, as well

as the opportunity to research and discover several pleasant surprises along the way."

Minister Oduber and the CEO of the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, both expressed their pleasure that the guide focuses on the out of the ordinary, more authentic Aruban experience.

The very attractive publication, which features 32 pages of color plates at the beginning of the book, is also unusual in that all the photographs in the entire volume are by the author, including the cover. The publisher's Graphic Coordinator expressed this is quite unusual for their publications.

Moon Handbook Aruba hit bookshelves across the U.S. and Canada, including Barnes and Noble, on December 10 of last year. It is also available online from Amazon.com and dozens of other Internet booksellers. It has yet to arrive on Aruba, but a limited number of copies are available through the author, with a personal inscription, who can be contacted at [rosalie@witty.com](mailto:rosalie@witty.com).

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## D66 leader voted Liberal of the Year by VVD youth wing



THE NETHERLANDS -- The youth wing of the right wing Liberal party VVD has voted Alexander Pechtold,

leader of the rival Liberal democratic party D66 as Liberal of the Year.

'Pechtold stood out last year with his plea for tax cuts and protests about the delays caused by striving for consensus. Unfortunately the cabinet has done little with this Liberal gesture,' JOVD chairman Christiaan Kwint is quoted as saying.

The young VVD members also appreciate Pechtold's call for better privacy protection, he said. The VVD is part of the current coalition government and Pechtold's D66 are in opposition.

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### Statement 11: Companies must be squeaky clean.

Because society is becoming increasingly transparent, people are growing more aware of which companies do not have sustainable operations or are investing their money in "dirty" goods or projects. In addition, Generation Z is being explicitly educated about the disastrous impact that unsustainable and unethical business practices will have on the future. As a result of this far-reaching transparency and general awareness, Generation Z will not want to work for companies that purposely avoid sustainable business practices, invest in "dirty" goods or do not make ethical products.

This development could conceivably go a step further, namely that Generation Z will not only insist that companies avoid causing any damage but also call for companies to actively make a

positive contribution to the well-being of the planet. In that case, "do no harm" no longer suffices; "do no harm" is the new command.

And considering the fact that most members of Generation Z will have their choice of employers in 2020, this poses a significant challenge to companies.

Incidentally, the demand that companies make an active contribution to a better world could also catch on with consumers.

### Statement 12: Work has to be fun.

As we have already seen, work and free time will continue to blend. Of course, this is not to imply that free time will start to resemble work. On the contrary. Work will seem more like free time. The distinction between friends and colleagues will continue to blur. After all, everyone is gathered together on your Hyves and Facebook pages

like one big happy family.

For Generation Z, it is important that work is challenging and fun more than anything else. And "fun" is largely determined by the mood in the workplace. It seems as if salary, status and career are becoming less important than having enjoyable work and a pleasant working atmosphere. Consequently, it is vitally important to actively invest in a positive vibe in the workplace if your company wants to attract and hold onto Generation Z employees.

And, considering the vast reach of social media, the young employee's entire social network will know immediately whether this has been accomplished.

### A few concrete tips

Although several obvious implications have already emerged in the above, the following are a few practical tips that we would like to

offer.

### Intensive coaching is a must

Generation Z employees are interested in short term gratification. As we have already observed, Generation Z is being raised on external feedback. A major promotion after five years is less appealing than advancing a step each year. This requires coaching-oriented supervision. Companies whose policy allows young employees to improve their position by small steps (short term) will be more successful than companies lacking this type of approach. The members of Generation Z want to know what they are doing right now, at this very moment, they want to feel appreciated and respected by their colleagues and superiors, and they want to know exactly what they need to do to advance to the next step.

### Invest in team relations

As mentioned previously, for Generation Z the atmosphere in the workplace is more important than achieving record-breaking results or having a brilliant career. Consequently, if your company wants to attract or retain Generation Z employees, it is crucial to invest in the company or institution's "soft side." Network structures, variable teams, room for personal development and social activities are all tools for involving Generation Z in the company. This is how Generation Z sees work, too. They assume that they will be able to get everything they want their way, without having to make any sacrifices. After all, this is how they were raised. Are you ready? Take advantage of this all and make the world a better "Z" place....



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## Minister of Public Health dr. Alex Schwengle wants to bring humanity back into health care



Minister Dr. Alex Schwengle

ORANJESTAD -- Just recently, the new Minister of Public Health, Dr. Alex Schwengle presented his government program to the general public. He elaborated on his mission which is mainly focussed on improving the quality of life of our citizens. Schwengle indicated that his mission is divided into three parts.

When meeting with all partners involved he wishes to reach a goal where everyone are on the same track and can work together.

His plan is to ensure that health care is not only accessible, but that the quality must be of a high level. He says... "I am of the opinion that the people were not the center of attention the past years. Hence, for me it is very important to put the human

being back into first place."

Based on this vision the Minister changed the name of his ministry from Health care and Sports to Public Health, Care of the Elderly and Sports. Special focus has been placed on the elderly because of the greying society and this must get our full attention not only in the AOV but also in our public health care system.

Minister Schwengle also

announced that in his Mission he is striving for better harmony and awareness between the demand and service in the entire health care chain. This he claims is necessary in order to achieve a balanced financing and real sustainability.

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## Israelis pay respects to controversial 'warrior' Sharon

JERUSALEM (AFP) - Thousands of Israelis on Sunday filed past the coffin of Ariel Sharon, paying respect to a former prime minister whose controversial life inspired admiration and provoked revulsion in equal measure.

Celebrated as a military hero at home, recognised as a pragmatic politician abroad and despised as a blood-thirsty criminal by the Palestinians and the Arab world, Sharon was nothing if not a polarising figure.

But Israelis of all stripes acknowledged the burly 85-year-old as a key figure in their nation's history, his death on Saturday leaving President Shimon Peres as

the Jewish state's last surviving founding father.

The white-haired former general had been in coma since January 4, 2006, following a massive stroke which felled him at the height of his political career.

Ahead of his funeral on Monday, Sharon's flag-draped coffin was placed on a black marble plinth in the plaza outside the Knesset, or parliament, for the public to pay their last respects.

A spokesman for the assembly told AFP up to 20,000 people had filed past the coffin, which was flanked by an honour guard, by 1700 GMT when the plaza was closed to the public after seven hours.

## Iran nuclear deal to take effect...

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"I have no illusions about how hard it will be to achieve this objective, but for the sake of our national security and the peace and security of the world, now is the time to give diplomacy a chance to succeed."

After two days of exhaustive talks, Iran and the European Union agreed Friday on how to implement the deal on containing Tehran's nuclear programme.

The EU represents the P5+1 -- Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States -- in the decade-long nuclear negotiations.

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On Friday Araqchi had said solutions were found for unspecified points of disagreement but that each country must approve the deal for it to take effect.

On Sunday IRNA quoted him as saying: "Finally today we reached an agreement with P5+1 on how to implement the first phase of the agreement."

"The agreement and solutions we found in Geneva were accepted by six countries and on this side, the relevant bodies made the necessary evaluation and also gave them their approval," the website of state television quoted him as saying.

Iran and world powers have held several sessions of talks in Vienna and Geneva to fine-tune the deal in the past weeks and the target date of January 20 was reached at the last round in Geneva.

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## US hypnotist Scott Lewis dies in Australia balcony plunge



SYDNEY (AFP) - An American stage hypnotist in Sydney as part of a touring magic troupe died after plunging several storeys from an apartment balcony, reports said Sunday.

Scott Lewis, a hypnotist-entertainer with a long-running Las Vegas show, fell to his death from a balcony in Sydney's Goldsbrough Mort apartment block on Friday night, according to widespread local media reports.

Lewis was visiting Aus-

tralia as part of the Illusionists 2.0 magic troupe, performing at the Sydney Opera House. The venue confirmed his death in a joint statement with the production company.

"The company is deeply saddened by the sudden loss of Dr Lewis," said producer Tim Lawson.

"The entire company has decided to continue the show in his honour, and send our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends."

Added the Opera House: "We wish to express our deepest sympathies to Dr Lewis' family and friends, as well as to the cast and crew of The Illusionists 2.0."

"Dr Lewis was a wonderful performer and he will be greatly missed."

According to the Daily Telegraph newspaper, Lewis's body was found on a fourth-floor balcony, seven floors below his apartment, on Saturday morning after he failed to join the company bus for an 11:00 am matinee performance at the Opera House.

Lewis was dead when police and ambulance crews arrived.

His death is not being treated as suspicious, but police are investigating whether he fell while trying to climb to another balcony.

Lewis performed in Las Vegas for nine years and was, according to his website, a licensed chiropractor and clinical hypnotherapist.

He wrote two books and was a motivational speaker and consultant as well as entertainer.





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## Dutch Court orders drug dealers to hand over €22m in profits

THE HAGUE - A court in Den Bosch has ordered two convicted producers of the party drug ecstasy to pay the Dutch state €22m which judges calculate they earned from the trade.

The court said the men formed part of a criminal gang which operated in Brabant and Belgium. Officials calculated they had produced and sold over 3,900 kilos of MDMA powder which was used to make 55 million ecstasy pills

between 2004 and 2006. They were earlier jailed for 11 and nine years.

The court calculated the production cost of a single pill at 15 cents and said they were sold at 57 cents wholesale. After removing wage costs, the total profit was €22m, the court said.

Each man, one aged 50 and the other 47, has been ordered to pay half of the profits to the treasury.

## Dutch Court overturns cuts in child benefit for non-EU residents

THE HAGUE - The government's decision to adapt child benefits for families with children living outside the EU to the standard of living in the countries concerned are unlawful, a court in Amsterdam has ruled.

The changes came into effect last year and led to a 40% cut in benefits for children living in Morocco and Egypt, Nos television said.

The courts earlier ruled that the Netherlands was also acting unlawfully by reducing widow and widower pensions for non-EU residents to payments which reflect the local standard of living.

Social affairs minister Lodewijk Asscher told the

broadcaster he is considering appealing against the decision but has not yet finalised his position.

'You receive child benefit to support you during an expensive period when you have young children,' the minister said. 'But the cost of living is much cheaper in some countries than in the Netherlands. The country principle takes this into account.'

If the Amsterdam court position is upheld it will cost the Netherlands €6m, Asscher said. But the total could be far higher because the Netherlands plans to apply the country principle to health insurance and other benefits, he pointed out.

## Dutch passports to cost more, last longer

THE HAGUE - From March, a passport for Dutch nationals is to cost a maximum €66.96 but will be valid for 10 years rather than five.

The maximum price of a passport is currently €50.35

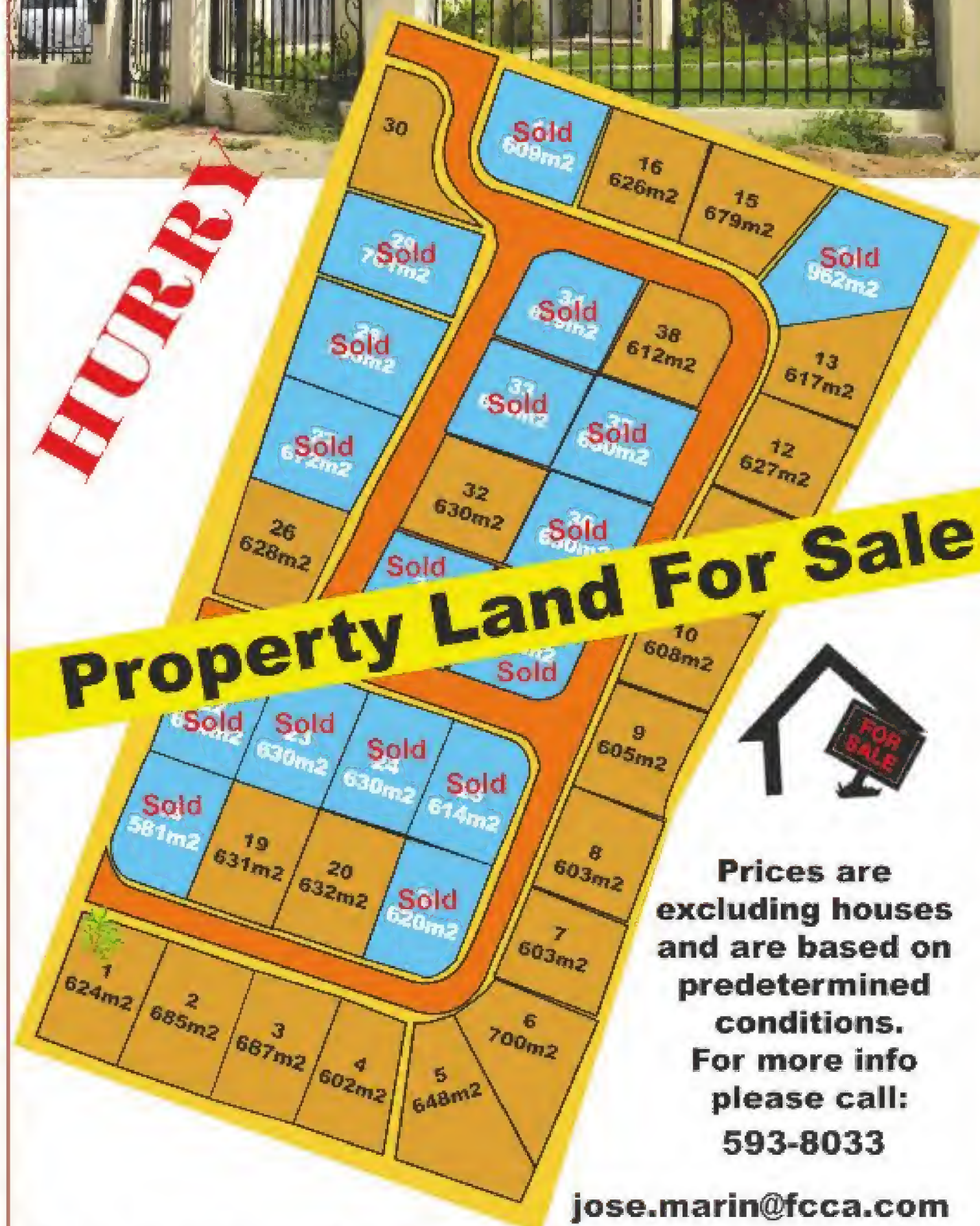
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WASHINGTON (AFP) - A Texas hunting club Saturday auctioned off a permit to kill a black rhinoceros in Namibia, raising \$350,000 towards conservation efforts for the animal, but not without controversy. The Dallas Safari Club, which said all money would be given to Namibia for "anti-poaching patrols, habitat protection, research and other measures crucial for protecting populations of endangered black rhinos," has nonetheless sparked the ire of some wildlife groups. A government-approved annual quota, in place in Namibia since 2012, gives permission for the killing of five black rhinos per year. Namibia wildlife authorities on Friday defended the auctioning of permits, saying the kill was aimed at conserving the endangered species. According to the club, Namibian wildlife officials will accompany the auction winner through Mangetti National Park where the hunt will occur, "to ensure the correct type of animal is taken."



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## Danish street magazine pays for drug addicts' next hit

COPENHAGEN (AFP) - Danish drug addicts have begun selling a magazine launched to help them fund their habit, in the hope that they will turn away from prostitution or crime as a way to pay for their next hit.

The drug and culture magazine, *Illegal!* is the brainchild of self-styled social entrepreneur Michael Lodberg Olsen and states openly that its vendors will probably use their income to go out and buy more drugs.

"It has two aims: we want to (help) decriminalise drug users, and we want to give them job opportunities to reduce crime and prostitution," Lodberg Olsen told AFP.

A headline on the latest cover read: "The best alternative to (giving fellatio) on the street."

The magazine has featured stories on what it says is the failed war on drugs, Portugal's decriminalisation of heavy drug use -- billed as a success -- and a top 20 list of the most dangerous drugs, topped by alcohol.

By campaigning for the legalisation of drugs through the magazine, Lodberg Olsen wants to make drug addiction an issue for the health authorities rather than the justice system.

In its launch issue, *Illegal!* estimated that a drug user funding his or her substance abuse through theft costs society half a million kroner (67,000 euros, \$91,100) per month.

"An iPhone with a retail price of 5,000 kroner costs 500 kroner on the street...A drug user has to steal for 10,000 kroner to make 1,000 kroner,"



it read.

In a phony advertisement, the second issue showed a flyer on a windshield saying: "Empty the car before we do! Regards, criminalised drug users."

The magazine costs 30 kroner, out of which 20 kroner goes to the vendor.

He estimates that a heroin addict typically spends 300 to 600 kroner per day on drugs.

In contrast cocaine addicts could use up anything from 4,000 to 7,000 kroner per day, making it virtually impossible for them to finance their habit by selling the magazine.

Getting hard drug addicts to stay committed to their new job is easier said than done.

Mikael, 44, who became addicted to heroin in prison when he was 19 before turning to methadone, a relatively cheap and powerful pain reliever, said he had tried his hand at being a vendor.

"But I gave up. It was hard to sell," he said.

## Caffeine stirs memory: study



PARIS (AFP) - A jolt of caffeine can boost memory, according to a study that provides a scientific motive for students slurping coffee, tea or energy drinks when cramming for exams.

A team at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, found that caffeine enhances certain memories for at least a day after they were formed.

Evidence for caffeine as a memory booster has been anecdotal until now.

This is because the process of registering memories -- say, reading a book ahead of an exam -- may happen in conditions where the person is eager to absorb and retain information.

This makes it hard to distinguish between someone's natural alertness and that derived from caffeine.

To strip out this confounding factor, a team led by Michael Yassa, an assistant professor of psychological and brain science, tried a different tack.

They asked 73 volunteers to look at images of a number of objects -- for instance, a plant,

a basket, a saxophone, or a sea-horse.

Afterwards, half of the group were given a 200 milligramme dose of caffeine -- roughly equivalent to two cups of strong espresso -- and the others a dummy pill known as a placebo.

Saliva samples were taken one, three and 24 hours later to measure caffeine levels.

The following day, both groups were asked to look at another set of pictures.

Some of the images were the same, others were new, and a few were similar -- for instance, a basket as before, but this time with one handle instead of two.

Both groups did well at distinguishing between old and new pictures, the researchers said.

But those on caffeine were much sharper at identifying the "similar" items in the lineup.

The test sought to discern the effect of caffeine on the hippocampus, a part of the brain that distinguishes between patterns -- requiring both short- and long-term memory.

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## Acqua Condominium Aruba announces that construction has been progressing at a brisk pace.

The East Tower, overlooking Palm Beach boasts 208 condos, spread over 14 floors. The two top building floors embrace 16 penthouse apartments with majestic views. The building is simply awaiting the windows and a few finishing touches, to conclude construction, very possibly by the end of this year. Following the completion of the elegant club house, the tropical landscaped pool and the spacious parking lots, the condos will be delivered to their proud new owners. Ground has been cleared for the North Tower, which will follow as soon as the East Tower is completed.

A spokesperson for Acqua Condo Aruba reports that the project is receiving tremendous attention, particularly for the winter months. Snow-birds longing to reside in a vacation home on Aruba are now able to visualize this dream coming true, in a manner that leaves them utterly care free when not in residence.

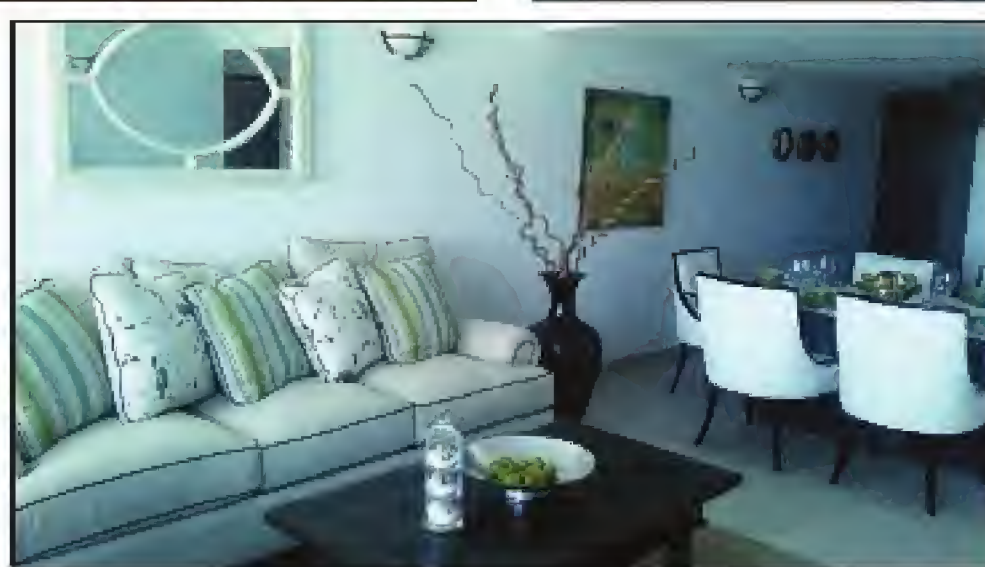
Making the decision to purchase and acting on it quickly, was recently made even more imperative. In November of 2010, the island government of



Aruba reiterated its commitment to a building moratorium for the next 10 years, making Acqua Condominium a truly unique investment opportunity, as it is the one and only high-rise condo project, on property land, in the island's most-desired location.

In view of the moratorium news, and the project's lucrative position, developers were compelled to discontinue the pre-construction discounts. Nevertheless, other purchase incentives have introduced. Special discount offers in effect at present are:

Pay 30% down payment and get 10% discount, 50% down payment, get 15% discount, pay in full for a 25% discount.



Prices start at \$ 296,800 for a 2-bedroom/2 bathroom apartment. Paying cash will allow the buyer to obtain this very same unit for only \$ 222,600 - remarkable savings!

Other incentives: The opportunity to profit from your purchase is also available to



buyers when they place their unit in a rental pool year.

If the image of Aqua Condominium tugs at your heartstrings, you are invited to visit the sales gallery and the two elegant model-suites available for viewing, fully finished with luxurious touches and high-

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## Buyers to be spoiled for choice at upbeat Detroit auto show

CHICAGO (AFP) - The Detroit auto show is set to open with a spirit of rational exuberance today as carmakers celebrate booming sales and bulging balance sheets with a slew of stylish and sporty new vehicles.

Consumers will be simply spoiled for choice as automakers compete for their attention with a renewed focus on design, big improvements in fuel economy and flashy new features.

The Detroit Three carmakers emerged from the 2008 financial crisis -- which nearly killed General Motors and Chrysler -- with leaner operations and a laser focus on improving product quality and offerings.

Their competitors responded by speeding up development cycles to keep their models fresh so they wouldn't get left behind as sales slowly climbed out of a deep downturn.

"For the consumer we're seeing a fabulous situation," Tom Libby, an analyst with IHS Automotive, told AFP. "They're getting a huge array of fantastic products, and the prices are coming down because of competitive pressure."

It's a pretty fantastic time to be a carmaker too.

US auto sales finally returned to pre-recession levels last year, rising 7.6 percent to 15.6 million vehicles. They're forecast to continue to grow this year, though at a slightly slower pace.

"More important than that is people are making a lot more money at 15 million than they used to make at 16 or 17, and ultimately people are in this game to make money," said Dave Sargent, vice president of global automotive at JD Power.

At least 50 new models from more than a dozen carmakers will be unveiled in the Motor City.



Mercedes-Benz unveils 2014 GLA45 AMG

Some of the most intriguing are concept cars -- a way to test press and consumer reaction before a vehicle is finalized for production -- like Honda's hydrogen fuel-cell powered FCEV, The GT5 racer Mercedes originally designed for the Grand Turismo video game and Kia's high-end GT4 Stinger sports car.

There will also be plenty of product ready for the assembly line, like the hotly-anticipated Ford F150 pickup truck.

The F-series has been the top-selling vehicle in the United States for more than three decades. But with a deadline looming for strict fuel economy regulations, the new redesign is expected to incorporate aluminum to bring down its hefty weight.

Another important model will be the Chrysler 200 sedan, which uses Alfa Romeo architecture and will be studied to gauge the success of the integration of Chrysler and Fiat.

For people who like luxury or a lot of power under the hood, Cadillac will unveil the new ATS coupe, Dodge will show a new iteration of its sexy Viper sports car while Corvette will reveal a convertible Stingray.

Mercedes will have a new C-class, and Infiniti will introduce a carbon fiber outfitted Eau Rouge sedan.

Toyota is expected to show a new sports car, the Supra, while its luxury Lexus brand is set to introduce the high-performance RC-F coupe.

Jaguar will also be introducing a sporty new coupe while Land Rover will display its limited-edition Autobiography Black, which comes with a whopping \$185,000 price tag.

People with smaller budgets or a focus on fuel economy won't be disappointed either.

Honda will be introducing its new Fit compact, and there will be new hybrids on offer as well.



2015 BMW M4

Automakers have poured \$200 million into displays aimed at dazzling the more than 5,000 journalists flying in from around the world for press previews on Monday and Tuesday.

Another 850,000 people are

expected to attend industry and charity preview events and the nine-day public show.

"The optimism is on display with all the money they put into the show," said Bob Shuman, chairman of the North American International Auto Show.

## Smartphone apps multiply, but so do germs

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - It may be your best friend, but your smartphone is also probably teeming with germs.

As innovators descended on the Consumer Electronics Show, companies offering better sanitizing were also promoting the cause of cleanliness.

The technology show has long had a focus on health, but makers of sanitizing devices said people need to look in their pockets and purses to the microbes on their personal gadgets.

The smartphone "is always warm, stored in dark places, so bacteria are growing on your phone," said Dan Barnes, co-founder of Phonesoap, which was displaying its device which sanitizes a phone and recharges it.

Barnes said he got the idea after reading a study indicating

"that mobile phones are 18 times dirtier than public bathrooms."

Barnes said his \$50 device uses ultraviolet radiation which "kills the bacteria's DNA, so that they can't live on your phone anymore."

Similar devices were also seen at the huge electronics fair, including one called CleanBeats, which sanitizes, plays music and recharges two phones through a USB connection.

The CleanBeats device is based on NASA technology, and will soon hit the market with a \$499 price tag, said spokesman Dennis Rocha for the California-based startup.

The company website says its device produces "hydroperoxide catalytic molecules" to sanitize the surfaces of touchscreens.



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## Former CEO of Greek bank arrested in Turkey to be deported

ATHENS (AFP) - The former chief executive of the Hellenic Postbank, mired in an unsecured loans scandal, will be deported to Greece after his arrest in Turkey, Greek authorities said Saturday.

Angelos Filippidis, the subject of an international warrant, was arrested Friday in his hotel in Istanbul after Turkish authorities tracked his mobile signal, Greek media reported.

His lawyer, Thanassis Varlamis, told AFP that the former CEO had appeared before a Turkish magistrate on Saturday and asked to return to his country in order to face questioning.

The deportation was approved and could take between two and forty days, according to the Greek consulate.

Filippidis has previously denied any wrongdoing.

He also claimed that the Hellenic Postbank's bad-loan ratio was far lower than that of other bigger Greek banks.

An unsecured loan is particularly advantageous to the borrower since no guarantee or collateral is required.

Twenty-five people have been charged, four of whom have already been arrested in Greece, in a probe into losses by the bank of over 400 million euros (\$549 million).

Among those charged is the head of the Hellenic Financial Stability Fund -- charged with maintaining the stability of the Greek banking system -- Anas-

tasia Sakellariou, who was part of a committee that handled the loans under investigation.

Anti-austerity leftist party Syriza on Saturday accused Greece's Prime Minister Antonis Samaras and Finance Minister Yannis Stournaras of trying to cover up the scandal to protect Sakellariou.

Greek authorities have begun getting tough on corruption, bringing to light the extent of fraud before the economy collapsed in 2010.

A minor but well-capitalised lender, Hellenic Postbank took a serious blow in 2012 from a restructuring of Greek sovereign debt.

Its shares were suspended last summer after a run by shareholders following statements from the finance minister that the bank had become "unsustainable".

It was eventually absorbed by Eurobank, one of Greece's four biggest banks.

The Greek banking sector underwent radical restructuring and consolidation last year under the terms of the country's bailout deal with the European Union and International Monetary Fund.

## Nicaragua, Chinese tycoon say canal work to start in 2014

MANAGUA (AFP) - Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega and Chinese tycoon Wang Jing on Saturday said plans to start building a \$40-billion canal across the Central American country were on track for late 2014.

Wang Jing's Beijing Inter-oceanic Canal Investment Management Co. has secured the right to dig a waterway in Nicaragua that will rival the Panama Canal and be hugely significant to world trade if it is completed.

Ortega gave the group a concession to operate the future waterway for 50 years, renewable for another 50.

"The Nicaraguan government and HKND Group are

pleased to confirm that canal construction work will begin as planned in December 2014," the two said in a brief statement.

Their remarks appeared aimed at shooting down any idea of a delay. Nicaragua's Canal Authority chief Manuel Coronel Kautz recently was quoted as saying work would not start on the Nicaraguan waterway until 2015.

It is the biggest infrastructure project by far attempted under the government of Ortega. And it would have huge strategic value, potentially interrupting commerce in Panama's waterway between the Atlantic and Pacific.

Panama is currently ex-

panding its century-old canal, and the massive project is running behind schedule.

The Panamanian upgrade aims to make that 80-kilometer (50-mile) waterway, which handles five percent of global maritime trade, big enough to handle new cargo ships that can carry 12,000 containers.

That project is costing \$5.2 billion, including a third set of locks for the canal which currently welcomes ships that carry up to 5,000 containers.

Feasibility studies are under way in Nicaragua. But it is not yet known how the future canal might be built in mechanical and logistical terms, if it gets a final green light.

## Toyota aims to produce more than 10 million autos in 2014: report

TOKYO (AFP) - Toyota Motor is aiming to produce more than 10 million vehicles in 2014, a bullish target that could boost other industries in Japan, a report said Saturday.

The Toyota group's production may fall temporarily after April, when Japan increases the consumption tax from five to eight percent, the Asahi Shimbun newspaper said.

But the impact of the tax hike should be blunted by a lowering of the automobile acquisition tax that will also become effective from the new fiscal year starting April, the Asahi said.

With Japan's economic recovery set to remain solid, Toyota expects its production will pick up from the autumn to achieve the target, the Asahi said.

Toyota is Japan's biggest manufacturer. Its health could affect steelmakers and parts suppliers of all kinds, as well as the economy of the central Japan,

where the company is based.

In 2013, Toyota aimed to produce a record 10.12 million vehicles, after it overtook General Motors in 2012 to regain the title of world's biggest automaker.

The company built 9.3 million vehicles between January and November, with Japanese media saying it was on target to become the first automaker in the world to build more than 10 million units in a year.

Toyota, whose group includes

small-vehicle maker Daihatsu and truck producer Hino, will make the 2014 annual production target official by the end of the month, the Asahi said.

The consumption tax hike is expected to lower Toyota's annual production by 10,000 units. The Japanese auto sector as a whole was likely to reduce production by 20,000 to 30,000 units due to the tax hike, the Asahi added.

## World Bank's IFC says it is fixing Honduras project

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The International Finance Corp., the World Bank's private finance arm, said Saturday it was taking action to remedy problems in a Honduras palm oil project assailed for human rights violations.

After a report by the Bank's internal ombudsman deeply critical of the IFC's support for the Dinant Corp project, the finance body said it was working to rectify the problems and would cancel its loans if the company did not adequately address concerns.

On Friday, the Bank's Compliance Advisor Ombudsman said the IFC was not diligent enough in reviewing questions about fights over land rights and murders of local farm workers in approving a \$30 million loan to Dinant's palm oil plantation and processing expansion plans in 2008.

The project, in Honduras's northern Aguan Valley, has long been criticized by non-governmental organizations

due to the land conflicts tied to Dinant plantations.

The CAO report said the IFC's agreement to lend \$30 million to the \$75 million project was not supported by an adequate environmental and social assessment of the project, given the history of conflict between Dinant and local peasants.

The IFC disbursed \$15 million of the amount committed in early 2009, but held back the rest as violence mounted in the Aguan Valley and after the government was overthrown in a military coup d'etat in June that year.

The CAO report cites NGO data that 102 people tied to the Aguan Valley peasant movement were killed between January 2010 and May 2013, 40 of the deaths tied to Dinant or security personnel working for the company.

The IFC said in a response to the CAO report that it is pressing Dinant to reform its security procedures.

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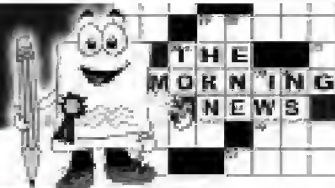
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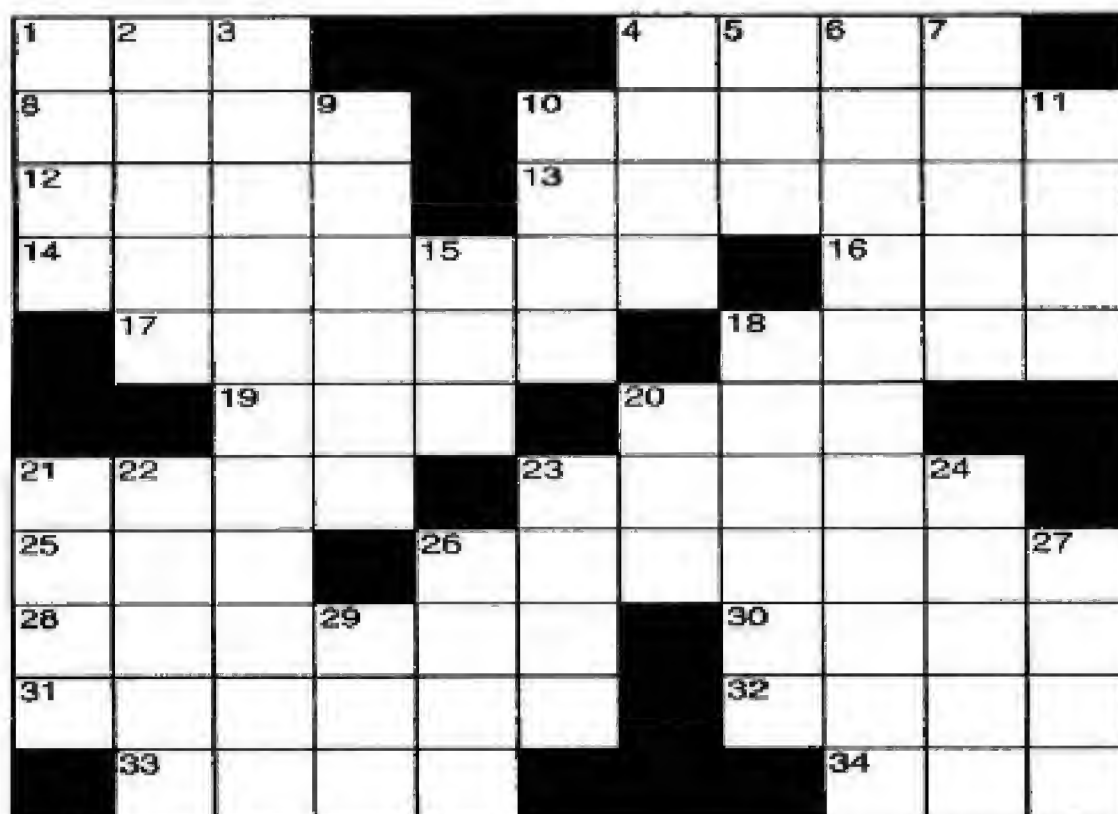
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18 "Tiptoe Through the \_\_\_"  
20 White lie  
21 Canvas bag  
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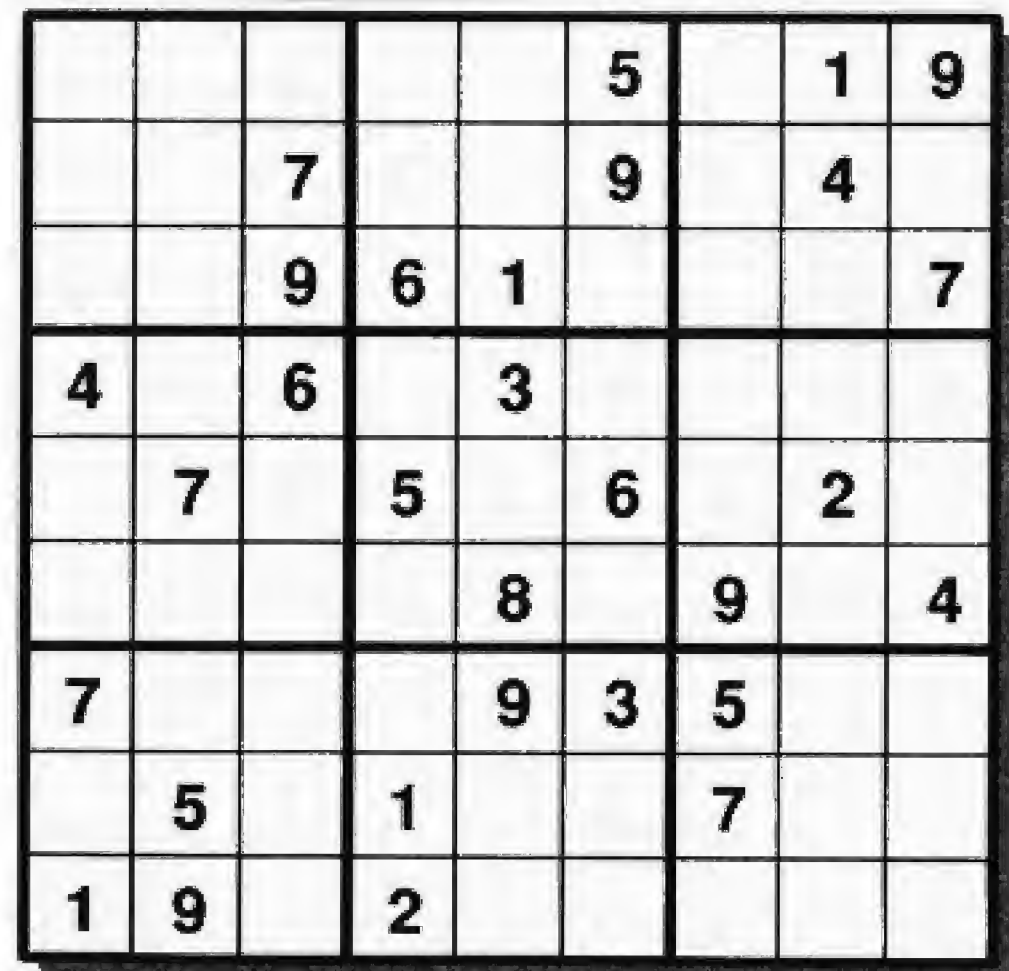
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.  
In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9



## Redfish offers an authentic taste of Arubiana close to low-rise resorts



Our team of taste-testers at THE MORNING NEWS have discovered a surprising island treat within easy reach of the island's principal resort areas. Redfish restaurant, located within the new Orange Mall, on the Saski highway next to the turn off for the "low rise" resorts, is an authentic "fish shack" with a charming, informal ambiance and al fresco dining.

Herbie Merryweather, founder of the Driftwood in Oranjestad, and owner of the deep sea charter boat of the

same name, is a fanatic about fish. If you have that some appreciation for the sweet and singular flavor of fresh Caribbean seafood, then you will be very pleased with a meal at Redfish.

This is casual dining, and you will likely end up eating with your fingers. (They do provide moist towelette packets) The menu is, for the most part, the real deal, fresh grouper, or snapper (Piska Cora in Papiamentu, or Redfish) and shrimp. There are chicken and steak dishes to ac-

commodate landlubbers, but make no mistake, you are there for the fish.

Too many restaurants on Aruba have taken to serving frozen farm fish filets, claiming it is grouper or snapper but you know you are getting fresh, locally caught fish when they are served in the steaks like they are at Redfish. Delicately coated with a sprinkling of flour and herbs, they are flash fried and the fish is moist and incredibly tender. The mild Creole sauce served on the side is one of the best we have ever tasted, and they serve some extra Papaya Pica for those that like to spice it up a bit.

Portions are served by the pound and half pound, with your choice of whatever is fresh that day. We selected a pound of grouper and half pound of snapper, which were served with an ample supply of traditional island side dishes, and it was more than enough for three hungry people. Combination platters of fish and shrimp, great for nibbling and watching a sporting event on

their giant plasma screen, are also available.

The best part? The prices. Geared to a local trade, (and you will find islanders there in force for lunch) a half pound fish platter with sides is \$10.85; a full pound, meant to be shared by two, with double the side dishes, is \$20. Not only that, but Redfish is an easy, pleasant walk from all the resorts at Manchebo Beach, and the service staff are

very pleasant and eager to please.

Open from noon until 10:00 PM, Redfish is providing something that has certainly been lacking close to the resort areas, an authentic taste of fresh caught fish, with a distinctive island flavor and ambiance.

Closed on Mondays, they accept cash and travelers checks only. Highly recommended.



A pound of grouper

## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

--Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches



and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba con-

tributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services pro-

gram. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: [www.goldcoastaruba.com](http://www.goldcoastaruba.com) for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.



## LIFIDA to organize football tournament on Betico Day

ORANJESTAD - In connection with the Betico Day celebrations, LIFIDA, the organization for infant football, is organizing a football tournament in the LIFIDA B Division. The tournament will bear the name, "Betico Croes Cup Tournament."

The tournament is scheduled to take place on the 18th and 19th of January, with the grand finale to be held on Saturday January 25th in the Yara Stadium in Savaneta.

The U-13 selection will also be part of this tournament. This is as a preparation for the International Tournament on March 18, Flag and Anthem Day.



The Subsidy Commission of the Lotto pa Deporte is pleased to support the sport organizations planning activities in connection with the Betico

Day celebrations. The majority of sports groups have plans for activities on January 25 to celebrate together with other groups the birth of our great Aruban.

## Chess Federation plans Club Championship

ORANJESTAD - The chess Federation also enjoys the support of the Lotto pa Deporte Subsidy Commission. The chess sport scores high in most international competitions. In the third week of January, to be exact, on January 16th, the chess sport will begin their first activity for 2014.

This will be the Club Tournament and will be held in the clubhouse I the Nieuwstraat 11, Oranjestad.

The tournament will last seven weeks on Thursday evenings from 8:00pm to about 11:00pm. The Subsidy



Commission of the Lotto pa Deporte is very pleased to support our chess sport, and

wish them much success in this chess federations' club championship.

## Aruba Little League organizes basic formation course for baseball trainers

ORANJESTAD - The interest in the baseball sport is growing in Aruba. Everyday baseball fields are full of children and young people training the baseball sport. The dream of achieving big in this sport lives in the minds of children and young people.

All want to become like their idol, Xander Bogaerts. In order to give more substance to the baseball sport, it is believed that we must offer courses to help increase the level of our

local baseball. This will definitely help our baseball trainers, leaders, clubs organizations, etc. More knowledge will help improve the quality of our young baseball players.

Hence, on January 21st, the Aruba Little League with the cooperation of the Subsidy Commission of the Lotto Pa Deporte, they will be organizing a basic formation course for all baseball trainers on Aruba. The duration of the

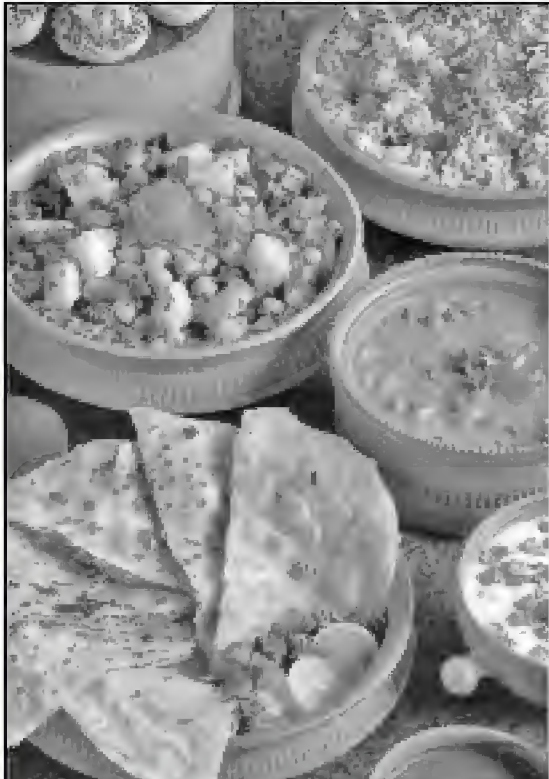
course will be six weeks. The course will consist of six sessions every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 pm to 9:30pm. After the six sessions there will be an evaluation on the field in a practical manner. After this, there will be three more courses on an advanced level on the same formation for trainers.

They extend a cordial invitation to all trainers affiliated with ABBA and Aruba Little League to attend this important course.

The course will be held in the Guillermo Trinidad Sports Complex in Dakota.

For registration, call 582-5153 (SSCie) or via email at [sportsubsidie.aruba@gmail.com](mailto:sportsubsidie.aruba@gmail.com)

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## BRIEFS:



TOLUCA (AFP) - Felipe Baloy (R) of Morelia vies for the ball with Pablo Cesar Velazquez of Toluca, during the Mexican Clausura tournament football match at the Nemesio Diez stadium, on January 12, 2014 in Toluca, Mexico. The match ended 2-2.



REGGIO EMILIA (AFP) AC Milan forward Mario Balotelli celebrates after scoring during the Serie A football match between Sassuolo and AC Milan at the Mapei Arena stadium in Reggio Emilia, on January 12, 2013. Sassuolo beat AC Milan 4-3.



Cornellá (AFP) Real Madrid's French forward Karim Benzema (L) vies with Espanyol's midfielder Javi Lopez (R) during the Spanish league football match RCD Espanyol vs Real Madrid CF on January 12, 2014 at the Cornella-El Prat stadium in Cornella. Real Madrid won 1-0.



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## NBA: League admits another botched call in a Dallas win

NEW YORK (AFP) - For the second time in two weeks, the NBA has admitted an officiating blunder in the last second of a game that could have denied the Dallas Mavericks a victory.

The latest revelation came Sunday when the league said referees missed a foul call in the closing seconds of the Dallas Mavericks' 110-107 victory over the visiting New Orleans Pelicans on Saturday.

The Mavericks walked off the court after Monta Ellis tied up Pelicans guard Austin Rivers as he attempted a 3-point shot.

"After reviewing postgame video, we have determined a foul should have been called on Dallas' Monta Ellis for illegal contact on the arms of New

Orleans' Austin Rivers while Rivers was attempting a 3-point field goal," said NBA president of basketball operations Rod Thorn.

"Rivers should have been awarded three free throws with 0.6 left on the clock."

The Mavericks also benefited December 30 when officials erred by not calling a foul on Dallas with one second remaining in a 100-98 Dallas

victory at Minnesota. Thorn said on December 31.

Just as in the latest case, the blunder denied the losing team the chance at free throws in the final seconds that could have tied the score.

At Minnesota, Timberwolves' big man Kevin Love took an inbounds pass near the sideline, turned and attempted a shot and was struck on the right arm by Shawn Marion of the Mavericks.

No foul was whistled by the referees and Mavericks won.

"Love was fouled on the right arm by Dallas' Shawn Marion while attempting a two-point field goal," Thorn said then. "Love should have been awarded two free throws with one second left on the clock."

## NBA: Stoudemire, Anthony lead Knicks to fourth win in a row

PHILADELPHIA (AFP) - Amare Stoudemire scored 21 points and Carmelo Anthony added 18 points, nine rebounds and seven assists Saturday to spark New York over Philadelphia 102-92 for the Knicks' fourth straight win.

The Knicks improved to 14-22 while the 76ers slid to 12-25 with their fourth loss in a row.

New York guard J.R. Smith came off the bench to score 14 points and pass out six assists in his return to the lineup.

Smith was fined \$50,000 Wednesday by the NBA for a second incident of trying to untie the shoelaces of a rival player while awaiting a rebound on a free throw attempt.

That prompted Knicks coach Mike Woodson to bench a healthy Smith for the entire game in the Knicks' 102-92 victory Thursday over the defending NBA champion Miami Heat.

Spencer Hawes and James Anderson each had 17 points to lead the 76ers, while Thaddeus Young added 15 points.

## Baseball: A-Rod vows to fight on after 2014 season doping ban



NEW YORK (AFP) - Alex Rodriguez, the highest-paid player in Major League Baseball, was given a record 162-game doping suspension by an arbitrator on Saturday, banning him for the entire 2014 season and playoffs.

The New York Yankees third baseman, a three-time American League Most Valuable Player who helped the Yankees win the 2009 World Series, vowed to appeal the ban to a US federal court.

Independent arbitrator Fredric Horowitz upheld most of the 211-game ban imposed upon Rodriguez last August for his role in the Biogenesis doping scandal, which led to bans for 12 other players for taking drugs from the Miami clinic.

Rodriguez, who was given a harsher ban after evidence showed he tried to impede a probe into the matter, will fight -- despite the players' union and Major League Baseball saying the arbitration decision was the final word on the matter under the terms of their labor deal.

"I have been clear that I did not use performance enhancing substances or violate the basic agreement or the joint drug agreement in any manner, and in order to prove it I will take this fight to federal court," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez played the final

weeks of the 2013 season while appealing the ban, even setting a major league record for career grand slams with his 24th bases-loaded homer last September.

Despite the reduction in total games missed, the suspension remains the longest in the history of Major League Baseball for doping, and "A-Rod" remains the highest-profile baseball player ever banned.

Rodriguez, whose 654 career homers are 108 shy of Barry Bonds' all-time record, will lose \$25 million in salary from the Yankees this year, or about \$154,000 for every game missed in 2014 under the record 10-year deal for \$275 million he signed in 2007.

Rodriguez, who in 2009 admitted that he took steroids while playing for the Texas Rangers from 2001 to 2003, would be 39 when he returns to play in 2015.

The Yankees could still owe Rodriguez \$61 million from 2015-2017, although that could be contested in court also.

"I am confident that when a federal judge reviews the entirety of the record... and the lack of credible evidence put forth by MLB that the judge will find that the panel blatantly disregarded the law and facts and will overturn the suspension," Rodriguez said.

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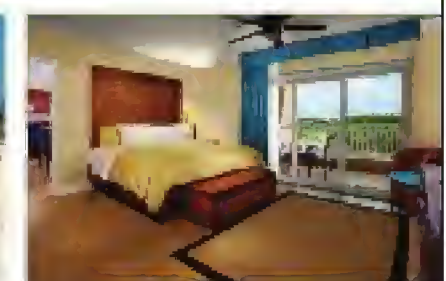
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## NFL: Patriots, Seahawks, Niners advance with playoff triumphs

CHARLOTTE (AFP) - Colin Kaepernick ran for one touchdown and threw for another to spark the San Francisco 49ers over the Carolina Panthers 23-10 on Sunday in the National Football League playoffs.

Kaepernick completed 15-of-28 passes for 196 yards and ran seven times for 15 yards as the 49ers shook off a slow start and avenged a 10-9 regular-season home loss to the Panthers last November.

"We had to get settled down," Kaepernick said. "We got into our rhythm and we started making plays."

San Francisco, which lost last year's Super Bowl to Baltimore, advanced to the National Conference championship game next Sunday at Seattle, with that winner earning a berth in Super Bowl 48.

The Seahawks beat the 49ers 29-3 at Seattle on September 15 but the 49ers avenged that regular-season loss with a 19-17 victory in a December 8 rematch at San Francisco.

"We're a different team than



LeGarrette Blount #29 of the New England Patriots scores a 2 yard touchdown in the second quarter against the Indianapolis Colts

we were the first time we played them up there," Kaepernick said. "We have a lot of key playmakers back and we will be ready to go."

Jim Harbaugh, the 49ers' coach, became the first coach in the Super Bowl era to reach the conference finals in each

of his first three years guiding a team.

Denver will play host to San Diego in an American Conference playoff game later Sunday with the winner to face New England next Sunday to decide the other berth in the February 2 NFL cham-

pionship spectacle at suburban New York.

New England defeated Indianapolis 43-22 and Seattle downed New Orleans 23-15 in playoff matchups Saturday.

San Francisco took a 6-0 lead at Carolina on Phil Dawson field goals of 33 and 49

yards in the first quarter.

But Carolina answered on Cam Newton's 31-yard touchdown pass to Steve Smith on the run in the back left corner of the end zone and the Panthers stretched their lead to 10-6 on Graham Gano's 24-yard field goal.

The 49ers responded with a 12-play, 80-yard march capped by Kaepernick's 1-yard touchdown toss to Vernon Davis in the back right corner of the end zone.

The play was originally ruled no catch because Davis had not landed with two feet in bounds but a video review overturned the call, declaring Davis had dragged his left foot in the field of play before tumbling out of bounds.

That gave the 49ers a 13-10 half-time lead and they stretched it to 20-10 just 6:07 into the third quarter on a 4-yard touchdown run by Kaepernick.

Dawson added a 34-yard field goal with 7:41 remaining and the 49ers kept Carolina scoreless the rest of the way.